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**Applicants:** Anthony Baerlocher, et al

**Appl. No.:** 09/933,843

**Filed:** August 20, 2001

**Title:** GAMING DEVICE HAVING AWARD MODIFICATION OPTIONS FOR  
PLAYER SELECTABLE AWARD DIGITS

**Art Unit:** 3713

**Examiner:** Binh-An D. Nguyen

**Docket No.:** 0112300-898

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**AFFIDAVIT OF DARREN MAYA UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Sir:

I, Darren Maya, being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. I am employed by IGT as a video graphic artist for gaming devices.
2. I am one of the named inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application, I am generally familiar with the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application, and I am generally familiar with the inventions disclosed therein.
3. This invention was conceived prior to May 8, 2001.
4. I know this because on or before May 8, 2001, I produced certain graphics for the commercial application of the invention described in the above-identified

application in the DEEP POCKETS gaming machine which was subsequently shown at the September 2001 gaming convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

5. Specifically, I:

(a) produced the artwork for the DEEP POCKETS gaming machine shown in the attached Exhibit A at least as early as May 8, 2001, which included graphics identifying the various options for changing an original award obtained in an initial gaming event to another award; and

(b) used the Adobe Illustrator and PhotoShop software programs to create this artwork and which was used to produce the file at the date and time set forth in the directory attached as Exhibit B, which includes the above mentioned artwork file, among other animation files:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

Signature

D. Maya

Name: Darren Maya

Date Signed

4-30-03

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On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003, before me, a notary public, in and for the aforementioned state and county, personally appeared the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and executed the foregoing instrument in my presence for the purpose contained therein, by signing his name hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and official seal.

Date: 4/30/03 Jennifer Hicks  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-3-2004

